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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ON U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA

REFS: A. MOSCOW 18145

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1. AS REPORTED IN OUR DECEMBER 18 SOVIET PRESS UMMARY (REF A), PRAVDA'S COMMENTARY BY IGNAT'YEV IS THE LOWEST THE SOVIETS HAVE YET STOOPED IN THEIR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST US ON THE ANGOLA ISSUE.

2. IGNAT'YEV'S CONNECTION BETWEEN HIS DESCRIPTION OF AN ALLEGED ATROCITY SOME TWENTY KILOMETERS OUTSIDE LUANDA--A DESCRIPTION TO WHICH HE DEVOTES APPROXIMATELY FORUTEEN COLUMN INCHES--AND THE OBSERVATION HE MAKES IMMEDIATELY THERE--AFTER THAT VIETNAM VETERANS ARE BEING RECRUITED IN CALIFORNIA "TO COMMENT NEW MY LAI'S" SHOULD NOT, IN OUR ESTIMATION, BE ALLOWED TO STAND WITHOUT MAKING OUR DISPLEASURE KNOWN TO SOVIETS.

3. THE PERTINENT EXCERPT IN THE IGNAT'YEV PIECE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TEXT

"NOT LONG AGO AN ANNOUNCEMENT APPEARED BRIEFLY IN THE NORTH AMERICAN PRESS THAT WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE U.S.A., IN THE CALIFORNIA CITY OF FRESNO, AN "OFFICE" IS OPERATING TO RECRUIT PEOPLE DESIRING TO GO TO ANGOLA FROM AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN CARRYING OUT SIMILAR "OPERATIONS" DURING THE AMERICAN AGGRESSION AGAINST VIETNAM. APPROXIMATELY 400 SUCH CUTTHROATS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PREPARED FOR TRAVEL TO AFRICA IN ORDER TO COMMIT NEW SONG MY'S ON ANGOLAN SOIL. THE MOST VILE, THE MOST REPULSIVE HUMAN RABBLE--FROM SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS TO FORMER PORTUGUESE GESTAPO MEMBERS AND AMERICAN EXPERTS IN PUNITIVE MEASURES--ARE READY TO DO EVERYTHING TO STRANGLE THE YOUNG AFRICAN REPUBLIC." END TEXT ("SONG MY" IS THE VILLAGE NAME USED IN THE SOVIET PRESS TO REFER TO THE MY LAI MASSACRE.)

4. OTHER ARTICLES IN THE SOVIET PRESS (INCLUDING A KONDRASHOV PIECE THE PREVIOUS EVENING IN IZVESTIYA--REFTEL A) HAVE CHARGED THAT THE CIA IS RECRUITING AMERICANS FOR OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA, SO IT TAKES NO GREAT EFFORT FOR THE SOVIET READER TO IMAGINE WHO IGNAT'YEV HAS IN MIND AS OPERATING THE "FRESNO RECRUITING STATION."

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT'S PERMISSION TO PROTEST THE ARTICLE TO MFA. WE HAVE IN MIND A BRIEF NOTE TO THE USA DIVISION ALONG THE LINES OF OUR PROTEST OF JUNE 12, 1975 (REFS B AND C) ON A KOMMUNIST VOORU-ZHENNYKH SIL ARTICLE (TEXT OF PROTEST POUCHED TO EUR/SOV JUNE 18 UNDER TRANSMITTAL SLIP).  
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